GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
FINANCE
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:2169
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DESERT TRIANGLE SCHEME .
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Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Union Ministry of Tourism forwarded duly recommended proposal ``Desert Triangle` scheme for Kutch district of Gujarat for a loan assistance from the Overseas Economic Cooperation Fund (OECF) of Japan;

(b) whether the proposal could not be included in the list submitted to the Government of Japan for OECF loan package of 1997-98;

(c) if so, the reasons therefor;

(d) whether the same was included thereafter; and

(e) if so, the loan sanctioned and progress made so far on this scheme?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI BALASAHEB VIKHE PATIL)

(a),(b)&(c) Project proposal `Desert Triangle` scheme for Kutch district of Gujarat for OECF loan assistance was not received. However, two other proposals were received by DEA, for OECF assistance -
(i) Tourism project in Kutch, Gujarat-By the time this project proposal was received, Government of India had already posed a list of project proposals to Government of Japan for assistance under the 1997-98 loan package. As such, Ministry of Tourism was advised to send the proposal, along with necessary documentation for the 1998-99 loan package of OECF.
(ii) Development of Tourism Infrastructure in Desert Triangle of Rajasthan-The proposal was included in our list posed to Government of Japan for their consideration for 1995-96 loan package. However, Government of Japan expressed its inability to take up this project for funding. The proposal was again discussed at the inter-ministerial meeting held in DEA on 14-16, October, 96 which was called to discuss projects for 1997-98 OECF loan package. However, due to lack of sponsorship from Ministry of Tourism and Government of Rajasthan, it could not be posed again for Japanese assistance.

(d) No, Sir.

(e) Does not arise.